

I'm not surprised that over-the-air broadcasters are trying to kill XM. The ologopolists who control the airwaves today have forgotten that the fundamental basis of the Communications Act of 1934 was to "serve the public interest, conveninenc and necessity." With a handful of homoginized formats and an ever decreasing commitment to diversity and localism, our limited broadcast spectrum has become the vast wasteland that Commissioner Minnow envisioned 40 years ago. XM Satellite Radio and it's Sirius counterpart are examples of what radio ought to be. Over 100 diverse voices targeting just about evey musical and public affairs niche. And in an era when we demand instant information, XM instant traffic and weather is a text book example of service to the public interest, convenience and necessity. When I'm in the rush hour, I don't want to wait for "the eights" to hear my traffic and wather.

Radio Broadcasters want to kill XM because they, like their Television bretheran before them, do not want compeitition. One only has to look to cable television to see a model that gives the consumer much greater choice than is available on Broadcast Television's array of so-called reality programming aimed at the lowest common denominator.

The Commission's support of Cable and Satellite Television has encouraged a rainbow of diverse program options and yet, off-air Television continues to thrive in a robustly competitive environment.

Please allow satellite radio the same opportunity to innovate, enlighten and compete.